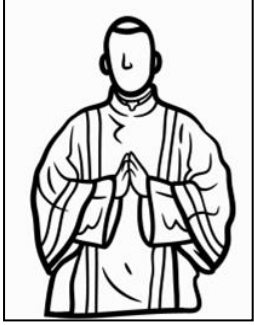




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Pastor Gareth writes: **PREPARING**



So Advent begins. We have but three weeks and a day to prepare to celebrate Christmas. Contrary to recent custom in some of our churches, I have asked the Crib be erected for the start of Advent – but Mary and Joseph will not arrive until December 24th, and the Christ Child on the 25th. A basket for Crib Offerings will be placed there: at Archbishop Mark's request, these donations will be forwarded to the diocesan finance office which will split them between the *Friends of the Holy Land* and *Caritas* Cardiff and Menevia. *Friends* supports the small Christian community in the Holy Land, where the pilgrimage business has collapsed due to the conflict in Gaza; *Caritas* supports Catholic charities working with needy souls at home.

You have been incredibly generous to me on the recent occasion of my birthday, so I want to say a word about Christmas gifts. I don't smoke, I don't drink alcohol, and while I do enjoy chocolate, it would be a terrible temptation to have a pile of it sitting in the Presbytery. As is customary, the only collection in church at Christmas Masses is "for the support of the clergy". Half of the collection taken in the Rhondda Churches will go to the work of the Sisters, but the rest, across the Pastorate, forms part of my personal income for the year. Apart from the Christmas collection, if you wish to give me something more personal I would ask that you make a donation to the Presbytery Renovation Fund. The house in which I live in Treforest is in need of serious renovation, especially where paintwork is peeling. St Dyfrig's has been very effective in raising funds for its *church*, but these may not be used for works on the house because they were raised for a special purpose. The general income of the parish is not enough to cover these costs. So any funds given to me this year in Christmas cards will be put towards the Presbytery Renovation Fund; you can give to the same cause by writing "PR Fund" on an envelope or when making an on-line donation at: app.goodhub.com/st-dyfrigs-church-treforest

Our first season of *Discovering Christ* has concluded. Relationships between parishioners have been strengthened and I've seen individuals grow significantly in their Christian maturity. These are good fruits. We are hoping to run future seasons on Sunday or Wednesday evenings in St Mary Magdalene starting in May, and in All Hallows on Monday evenings starting September. But for these we need volunteers who are available evenings. Can you help for 10 weeks? Please let me know.

Upcoming events:

Morning for Readers	St Mary, Bridgend	Saturday 2 nd December at 10:30am – 1pm
Eucharistic Adoration	All Hallows' Church	Saturday 2 nd December at 10:30am
Community Bulb planting	All Hallows' Garden	Sunday 3 rd December (after morning mass)
Young Disciples next meeting	St Mary Magdalene Hall	Monday 4 th December at 7pm – 9pm
Carol Services	All Hallows Church Pick and Shovel	Sunday 10 th December at 5:30pm TBC
Catholic-Anglican Carol Service	St John's, Ton-Pentre	Monday 11 th December at 7pm
Children's Christmas Party	All Hallows' Hall	Sunday 17 th December (after morning mass)
Youth Advent Service & Celebrations	St Dyfrig's Church	Monday 18 th December 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Church Cleaning	All Hallows' Church	Wednesday 20 th December at 10:30am

For more information on any of these events, please contact treforest@rcadc.org

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B

Entrance Antiphon: *To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.*

*In you I have trusted, let me not be put to shame,
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

Psalm response: *God of hosts, bring us back; let your shine on us and we shall be saved.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

And give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 33 – 37

Please pray for the recently deceased in our churches:

Diorioa Albu

Mary Puttick

Mike McCarthy

Please also remember in prayer all our sick and housebound.

Our Churches:

St Dyfrig's, Treforest

Email: treforest@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 402 439

Address:

St Dyfrig's Catholic Church,
Treforest,
Pontypridd
CF37 1DB

St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 421 929

Address:

St Mary Magdalene
4 Gynor Ave,
Porth
CF39 0NH

Ss Gabriel & Raphael,

Tonypandy

Email: rhondda@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 421 929

Address:

S.S. Gabriel and Raphael
13 Trinity Road,
Tonypandy
CF40 1DQ

All Hallows, Miskin

Email: llantrisant@rcadc.org

Call: 01443 228 866

Address:

All Hallows' Catholic Church
School Rd, Miskin,
Pontyclun
CF72 8P

The Pope's Prayer intentions:

During December, Pope Francis says: "Let us pray that people with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions offer inclusion programs that enhance their active participation."

Parish Directory

Baptism	Wendy Marsh
Becoming Catholic	
Confirmation	Lizzy de-Ste-Croix (St Dyfrig's office)
First Communion (St Dyfrig's)	Teresa (07500668424) & Alan de-Ste-Croix
First Communion (All Hallows')	Sarah Horton (07447456824)
First Communion (Rhondda churches)	Through St Gabriel and Raphael School
Weekend Club	Marita Fernandez (07960206916)
Hall Hire (St Dyfrig's)	Treforest Office (or Sue Cleary)
Hall Hire (All Hallows')	Pamela Harding (01443556796)
Maintenance (All Hallows')	Shamus Harding (01443556796)
Marriage	Pr Gareth
Mass Intentions	Individual Parish Administrator
Music Ministry (All Hallows')	Teresa Bressington (07599155418) Anne Thomas (organist)
Music Ministry (SS Gabriel and Raphael)	Bridget Green (organist) David Hoban (folk group) (07811707458)
Music Ministry (St Mary Magdalene)	Joachim Biddulph
Music Ministry (St Dyfrig's)	Chidie Ejiogu (07950642266)
Newsletter	Parish Offices
Safeguarding (St Dyfrig's)	Maggie White (01443 410593) or Roy Mayo (01443 209850)
Safeguarding (All Hallows')	Suzy Stacey (07359 463013) or Diane Franks-Herbet (07999 891 009)
Safeguarding (Rhondda churches)	Maria Hughes (07811011674)
UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers	Suzy Stacey (07359 463013)

HOSPITAL CARE

To arrange communion for someone in hospital, contact:

Royal Glamorgan (RGH)

Marita Fernandez,
mfwhat58@hotmail.com
07960 206916

Llwynypia Hospital

Sr Berenice (Parish Sister for the Rhondda Parishes)
Via Tonypandy Parish

Cardiff Hospitals (UHW)

Call 02920 747 747 and ask for the on-call Catholic Chaplain

Collection figures (19th November):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £167.95

Loose Plate: £221.04

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £902.40

Loose Plate: £168.53

Non Gift Aid: £15.00

Collection figures (26th November):

St Dyfrig's

Gift Aid: £292.57

Loose Plate: £258.07

All Hallows'

Gift Aid: £488.60

Loose Plate: £153.50

Non Gift Aid: £25.00

World Mission: £421.00

Here are the latest articles on our parish blog: amdg.page

- ❖ [School Governor](#) Opportunity
- ❖ [Prepare!](#) For you a youth retreat, all are welcome.
- ❖ A Statement from the Bishops on [Gaza](#)
- ❖ [Silent retreat](#), a chance to rest in the Lord
- ❖ Journey with the [women of Jesus' genealogy](#) in a podcast

Our local Catholic Schools:

Cardinal Newman RC Secondary, Rhydfelin 01443 494110

Email: headteacher@cardinalnewman.co.uk

S.S. Gabriel and Raphael RC Primary, Tonypandy 01443 433094

Email: admin@ssgabrielraphaelrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

St Michael's RC Primary, Treforest 01443 570090

Email: admin@stmichaelsrcprimary.rctcbc.cymru

Collection figures (19th November):

St Mary Magdalene

Loose Plate: £43.15

Ss Gabriel and Raphael

Gift Aid: £130.00

Loose Plate: £86.16

The Latest News

Foodbank – Nile Street [Pontypridd](#) 01443 404 692 and [Taff Ely](#) Foodbank 01443 520 730

All Hallows Church: We would like to make an appeal for more donations please. An item per family would fill the weekly box. Thank you for your generosity. The box at All Hallows is emptied every Wednesday.

St Dyfrig's: Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank. We are looking for tins of meat and fish plus Christmas items (selection boxes, etc.). Thank you.

Memorial book by the Altar in All Hallows

Diane Franks-Herbert has volunteered to update the memorial book by the Altar in All Hallows church.

If you would like to add a name to the book, please place the name at the side of the book on a piece of paper and it will be added to the book.

Happy Birthday in the Rhondda

We all join in wishing Sadie Jacobs, 'our oldest parishioner' a very happy 98th Birthday on Dec 3rd. May she be truly blessed and enjoy her special day. With our good wishes, love and prayers; 'The Rhondda Parishioners'.

All Hallows Community Garden - bulb planting

After Mass on the 3rd December, we plan to plant some spring bulbs in the first raised bed.

If anyone is available please come along and help plant a few bulbs for the spring. The bulbs have been purchased and just need planting.

Young Disciples:

Lizzy de-Ste-Croix writes: **Young Disciples** is a weekly group that is aimed for those in secondary school (ages 11 to 16) where they can meet with like-minded young people who want to grow deeper in their faith. Each week, we'll meet for some light food, games and fellowship with the aim to grow into a community dedicated to growing with Christ. **The next meeting will be on Monday 4th December from 7pm – 9pm at St Mary Magdalene.**

Rest in Peace

We pray for the soul of Mrs Diorioa Albu (Tonypany) who died recently. Funeral Service on Friday Dec 8th in Ss Gabriel & Raphael's Church, Tonypany, at 12.15pm followed by Cremation at Glyntaf Crematorium at 1.30pm. May she rest in peace.

Christmas Carol Service with Readings

We invite you to attend the Christmas Carol Service with Readings at All Hallows Church on Sunday 10th December at 5.30 p.m followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. This service is part of our Advent preparations in readiness for the Feast of Christmas and we welcome everyone to join with us at this special service.

Christmas Raffle at St Dyfrig's

Please return all ticket stubs and monies as soon as possible. The draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 10th December.

All Hallows Children's Christmas Party

The Weekend Club and Children's Liturgy in conjunction with parents and children will be having a Children's Christmas party on the 17th December after Sunday Mass until 1pm in the Hall at All Hallows. Invitations are available. If you would like your child/ren to attend please see Suzy or any member of the children's liturgy team during weekend mass. We need you to RSVP to make sure that we can prepare for the right number of children.

It is "bring and share" a food plate but we will organize activities and a little something for each child plus a visit from St. Nicholas. Please call Suzy on [\(07734\) 701449](#) If you would like your child/ren to attend this party but you have not been able to get to Church and pick up an Invitation or RSVP.

Youth Advent Service:

The seekers and young disciples team are coming together to host a Youth Advent Service for all primary and secondary kids. Come along as we meet some key people from Biblical history and prepare for the coming of Christ. Monday 18th December at 6:30pm in St Dyfrig's Church. There will also be a party in the hall afterwards with fun games, food and more...

Church Cleaning

We are organising a "Big Clean for Christmas" at All Hallows on Wednesday 20th December at 10.30 am. Many hands make light work. Help us to prepare our church in readiness for the Christmas Services.

Newborn baby boy clothes

For the newborn baby - clothes left in the Narthex of St. Dyfrig's last week have been passed on. Many thanks again.

St Dyfrig's Christmas Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent Christmas Fayre. A total of £887.49 was raised.

Operation Christmas Child

A very big thank you to all at St Dyfrig's and All Hallows who donated a gift filled shoe box to this year's *Operation Christmas Child* appeal. The quality of the boxes were excellent. A total of 80 shoeboxes along with donations of £45 were received. Some also elected to donate online.

Friends of St Dyfrig's November winners

Congratulations to all the winners of last month's draw, you can collect your prizes from the St Dyfrig's Sacristy.

- 1– Ann Perrot (117) (£50)
- 2 - Maureen Carter (58) (£20)
- 3 – Bryn Hughes (79) (£10)
- 4 – Chris Thomas (35) (£10)
- 5 – Allan Reeves (100) (£10)

Mass and Service times for this week

	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service with intentions</i>
Saturday 2 nd December	All Hallows, Miskin Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	10am 10:30am 5pm 5:30pm	Mass - Adoration Confession Mass – Anne & Harry Lennon <i>RIP</i>
Sunday 3 rd December 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B	All Hallows, Miskin St Dyfrig's, Treforest Penrhys Shrine St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir St Dyfrig's, Treforest	8:45am 9:15am 11:15am 2:45pm 3:30pm 4pm 7pm	Confession Mass – Mass – John Paul Davies <i>RIP</i> Rosary Confession Mass – Joe Cavalli <i>RIP</i> Confession
Monday 4 th December	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 10 am	Morning prayer and Service of the word Mass – Anne Parker <i>RIP</i> <i>Followed by adoration until 12 noon.</i>
Tuesday 5 th December	St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir All Hallows, Miskin From home	9:00am 10am 10am 9pm	Adoration with 9.40 Morning Prayer Mass – <i>The Service of the Word is no longer being celebrated on Tuesdays</i> Rosary for the sick members of our parish
Wednesday 6 th December	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy All Hallows', Miskin St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 10am 10am	Morning Prayer & word & Holy Communion Mass – Service of the Word with Communion <i>Church open for prayer until 2pm</i>
Thursday 7 th December <i>St Ambrose</i>	St Dyfrig's, Treforest All Hallows, Miskin	10 am 6pm	<i>Church open for prayer until 2 pm</i> Mass (Vigil of the Immaculate Conception) Holy Souls resting in the Columbarium
Friday 8 th December <i>Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy St Dyfrig's, Treforest	9:15am 10am 6:30pm	Morning Prayer and Adoration Mass – Mass – John Paul Davies <i>RIP</i>
Saturday 9 th December	All Hallows, Miskin Ss Gabriel & Raphael, Tonypandy	10am 10:30am 5pm 5:30pm	Mass - Adoration Confession Mass –
Sunday 10 th December 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B	All Hallows, Miskin St Dyfrig's, Treforest St Dyfrig's, Treforest Penrhys Shrine St Mary Magdalene, Ynyshir St Dyfrig's, Treforest	8:45am 9:15am 11:15am 2:15pm 2:45pm 3:30pm 4pm 7pm	Confession Mass – UCM Members, their spouses and families Mass – Wilfred Thomas <i>RIP</i> Baptism – Mohan Rosary Confession Mass – Confession

An opportunity to explore what the Holy Spirit is doing in South Wales & Herefordshire

Pope Francis has invited Spirit-inspired Catholics to come together. You're invited to do so:

Saturday 13th April 10 am - 3.15 pm at All Hallows, Llantrisant (CF72 8PG)

Saturday 20th April 10 am - 3.15 pm at St David's & St Patrick's, Haverfordwest (SA61 1SX)

Both days begin with Mass. To learn more, see [Facebook.com/CCRSWH](https://www.facebook.com/CCRSWH) or contact Anne Nolan annec_nolan@yahoo.co.uk or 07989 839710.